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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LOS: BIOGRAPHIC SUPPORT FOR THE THIRD UN CONFERENCE ON
THE LAW OF THE SEA

REF: STATE 67788

1. FORWARDING BY AIRGRAM, PORT LOUIS A-062, BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
AND PRESS INTERVIEW WITH EMMANUEL BUSSIER, NEW MAURITIAN MINISTER
OF JUSTICE, WHO WILL HEAD GOM DELEGATION TO CARACAS LOS CONFERENCE.
SEE ALSO PORT LOUIS A-052 DATED APRIL 5, 1974.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF MAURITIAN DELEGATION WILL
BE SOLICITOR GENERAL LEWIS VENCHARD, VICTOR GLOVER AND ANIL
GAYAN (PORT LOUIS 0203).

3. VENCHARD, ON WHOM EMBASSY SENT PREVIOUS BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
UNDER COVER PORT LOUIS 0489 DATED MAY 18, 1973, TOLD EMBASSY THAT
DELEGATION'S STAY IN CARACAS WOULD BE DIVVIED-UP AS FOLLOWS:

(A) MINISTER BUSSIER TO ATTEND OPENING SESSIONS AND

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ADDITIONAL TWO OR THREE WEEKS;

(B) VENCHARD AND GLOVER - EACH ONE TO TAKE HALF OF CONFERENCE'S DURATION -- VENCHARD FIRST;
(C) GAYAN, WHO NEW IN GOVERNMENT AND ESSENTIALLY TECHNICIAN, WOULD REMAIN THROUGHOUT WHOLE CARACAS SESSION.

4. EMBASSY REGARDS VENCHARD AS BEING MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE AND PROBABLY LINCHPIN ON GOM DELEGATION. EVEN THOUGH HE IS ONLY UPPER-MIDDLE LEVEL CIVIL SERVANT, HE STILL HAS EXPERIENCE AND BACKGROUND TO WEIGHT IN HEAVILY IN DETERMINING GOVERNMENT POSITIONS ON LOS. CONSEQUENTLY, IT EXPECTED HE WILL HAVE CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF INDEPENDENCE AS TO DIRECTION MAURITIUS MIGHT TAKE IN THESE LOS NEGOTIATIONS.

5. VENCHARD TOLD CHARGE HE WAS NOW FORMULATING POLICY PAPER FOR CABINET WHICH WOULD ESSENTIALLY ATTEMPT SAFEGUARD MAURITIAN RIGHTS TO EXPLOIT MINERAL AND OTHER RESOURCES OVER VAST SURROUNDING BANKS. VENCHARD SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION OBVIOUSLY ATTUNED, TO SOME EXTENT, WITH THAT OF ARCHIPELAGIC STATES, AND, AS AFRICAN STATE, WITH COMMON OAU POSITION, HE THOUGHT DELEGATION WOULD BE GIVEN PRIOR AUTHORITY TO MAKE APPROPRIATE COMPROMISES IF THIS PRIME MAURITIAN CONSIDERATION GRANTED.
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